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Application Number	09/820,429
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First Named Inventor	John M. Mela
Art Unit	3625
Examiner Name	Maria Teresa T. Thein
Attorney Docket Number	PA2375US

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- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 06-0600
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any fees associated with this filing and not covered by the enclosed check.
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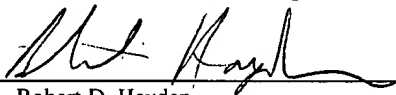
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**AMENDMENT D**

Sir:

Submitted herewith, please find a Request for Continuation Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 and a petition for a one-month extension of time. Please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks prior to continued examination:

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